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SUBJECT: CODEL JAVITS: VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA'S EASTERN PROVINCE

1. SUMMARY: SENATOR JAVITS, HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, ALBERT LAKELAND, AND AMBASSADOR WEST SPENT A BUSY, TIGHTLY-SCHEDULED DAY IN EASTERN PROVINCE ON JULY 8. THE DAY'S PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED BASICALLY TO GIVE THE SENATOR (AND THE AMBASSADOR ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CONSULAR DISTRICT) A QUICK BUT RELATIVELY DETAILED LOOK AT THE OPERATION AND FACILITIES OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCING OIL COMPANY ARAMCO. THE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDED A TOUR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, A DISCUSSION WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL CATHEY, CHIEF OF THE US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND A BRIEF MEETING WITH SEVERAL EXECUTIVES OF LEADING US COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE. END OF SUMMARY

2. IN A BRIEFING SESSION IN THE ARAMCO BOARD ROOM, CHAIRMAN FRANK JUNGERS AND HIS SENIOR EXECUTIVES DISCUSSED SAUDI ARABIA'S ROLE AS A FREE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF PETROLEUM. ARAMCO OUTLINED ITS PLANS TO BRING ITS CRUDE PRODUCTION CAPACITY UP TO 14 MILLION BPD LEVEL IN EARLY 1980'S AND EXPLAINED
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IMPORTANCE OF COMPANY TO US AS A SUPPLIER OF PETROLEUM. ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF SAUDI ARABIA HOLDING ITS CRUDE PRODUCTION AT LEVEL (APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION BPD WAS SUGGESTED) WHICH WOULD COVER KINGDOM'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS WAS DISCUSSED. ARAMCO EXECUTIVES QUIETLY EMPHASIZED THAT THERE ARE STRONG VOICES INSIDE SAG THAT HOLD TO THAT VIEW AND, IF ADOPTED AS GOVERNMENT POLICY, WHAT SUCH A POLICY WOULD MEAN

TO WORLD CRUDE PRICES.

3. AFTER BRIEFING BY SENIOR-MOST ARAMCO EXECUTIVES, CHAIRMAN JUNGERS PERSONALLY CONDUCTED CODEL ON AERIAL TOUR OF ARAMCO'S PRODUCTION INSTALLATIONS. AIRCRAFT CARRYING CODEL ALSO FLEW OVER THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR SAG DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED IN SAUDI ARABIA'S EASTERN PROVINCE. AFTERWARDS, ARAMCO CHAIRMAN HOSTED LUCH FOR CODEL. AT LUNCHEON WHERE SEVERAL SAUDI EXECUTIVES ALONG WITH THOSE WHICH ATTENDED MORNING BRIEFING SESSION. SAUDI EXECUTIVES QUESTIONED SENATOR CLOSELY ON HIS VIEWS AND WERE IMPRESSED BY HIS CANDID REPLIES. HE MADE IT CLEAR TO HIS LISTENERS THAT HE WAS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL AND EXPRESSED HIS OPTIMISM THAT THER IS GROUND FOR OPTIMSIM THAT THERE CAN BE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SENATOR OPINED THAT WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS SHOULD BE NOT OBSTACLE AS THE INHABITANTS ARE SO FEW IN NIMBER (1500 WAS HIS ESTIMATE) AND HE THOUGHT THAT ISRAEL PM BEGIN WAS AREVOLUTIONARY WHO'S TIME HAS COME 30 YEARS TOO LATE.

4. CODEL'S DAY IN DHAHRAN CONDLUDED WITH TOUR, CONDUCTED BY US-EDUCATFD STAFF MEMBER, OF UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL'S ULTRA-MODERN CAMPUS. AFTERWARDS, USMTM'S GENERAL CATHEY, BRIEFED CODEL ON DOD'S TRAINING PROGRAM IN SAUDI ARABIA. BEFORE RETURNING TO JIDDA BY USMTM AIRCRAFT, AMBASSADOR AND CODEL MET BRIEFLY WITH STAFF OF CONSULATE GENERAL IN PO'S RESIDENCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. POSSREGRETS DELAY IN FILING REPORT ON CODEL VISIT TO CONSULAR DISTRICT. CODEL MEMBER LAKELAND REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM ARAMCO WHICH WAS JUST MADE AVAILABLE AND BEING POUCHED TO SENATOR'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE LAKELAND. LUCIUS

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